

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT



**THIS IS NOT A BILL
PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS**

February 24, 2012

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CONTROL ID:

The Lehigh County Board of Commissioners has directed that all properties in the County be reassessed and given a new property value. The bottom of this page shows the preliminary new value given to your property. **It is important for you to review this new value and to understand the following points:**

- Pennsylvania law requires that all taxes be uniform, which requires that real estate be valued fairly. The last time Lehigh County revalued all real estate was in 1991. Real estate values have changed dramatically and unevenly during the last 21 years.
- A reassessment itself does not generate additional revenue for the taxing bodies. Taxing authorities are required to adjust their millage rates after a reassessment to reflect the change in total tax base. Existing laws limit the amount of a tax increase that a school district, county or municipality can add during a reassessment year.
- The assessed value of your property determines the amount that you pay in real estate taxes to the county, school district and municipality. Your new value may raise or lower what you pay in real estate taxes. Fifty-five percent of the properties in Lehigh County will pay less in taxes. Forty-five percent of properties will pay more.
- The Lehigh County Board of Commissioners has also changed how the assessed value of property is presented. It is now shown as 100 percent of the value instead of the previous 50 percent.
- The Preliminary valuation for your property is set forth here, with the current value and the change to 100 percent for the current value for your reference.

Current 1991 Assessed Value (50%)	Current 1991 Assessed Value (100%)	2013 Preliminary Assessed Value (100%)

Based on this Preliminary value, your projected real estate taxes (County, Municipality and School District) should decrease due to reassessment.

For more information on reassessment, to view your property record, and to see what the projected tax changes are for your property, go to www.mylehighcountyproperty.com and enter the CONTROL ID listed above.

Your new property value will not be effective until 2013. You will have the right to question and appeal the new value of your property. Informal reviews will occur from March to mid-June. For more information or to request an informal review, please follow the instructions on the next page. Results of the informal review will be sent to you as a Final Notice of Property Assessment on or before July 1, 2012. If you do not wish to request an informal review, you will be sent a Final Notice of Property Assessment on or before July 1, 2012. You will have the right to appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals following your receipt of the Final Notice.